

MIGs Reported in Cuba Action

3 Aircraft Take Part In Raid

MIGs Reported In Earlier Attack On Invaders

Anti-Castro Cuban fliers were reported to have bombed air-base installations at Havana last night.

Reports of the new air attack came from both the semi-official Cuban news agency Prensa Latina and from Cuban exiles in New York, and was thus believed to be true despite a denial by Cuban sources at the United Nations.

Purpose of the rebel raid may have been to strike at Soviet MIG fighters which earlier in the day were reported to have bombed and strafed newly landed rebels in an undisclosed area of Matanzas Province.

Battle Red Tanks

This report, which came from Cuban exile headquarters in New York, said the rebel spearhead was also battling Soviet tanks and that large amounts of (rebel) medical supplies and equipment had been destroyed.

The reported use of Soviet tanks and jets by embattled Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro could not be confirmed, and the military situation in Cuba generally was clouded by conflicting claims and a lack of reliable first-hand reports.

Some Cuban rebel sources in New York said rebel troops had seized a landing strip, and they repeated a claim that

rebels had reached Jaguey Grande in Matanzas Province, 20 miles from the main landing spot at Cochino Bay. They said the rebels were fanning out in heavy fighting some 90 miles from Havana. There were reports that the government radio at Jaguey Grande had been silenced.

Another exile spokesman described the situation as "still fluid" and said the leaders of the invasion would not disembark until the beachhead is "more consolidated". But he contended that the invaders were "firmly established and being supplied."

"Recapture" Reported

The Cuban government, for its part, was mainly silent, but Communist-bloc commentators reported that the rebels had failed to widen their two bridgeheads during the past 24 hours.

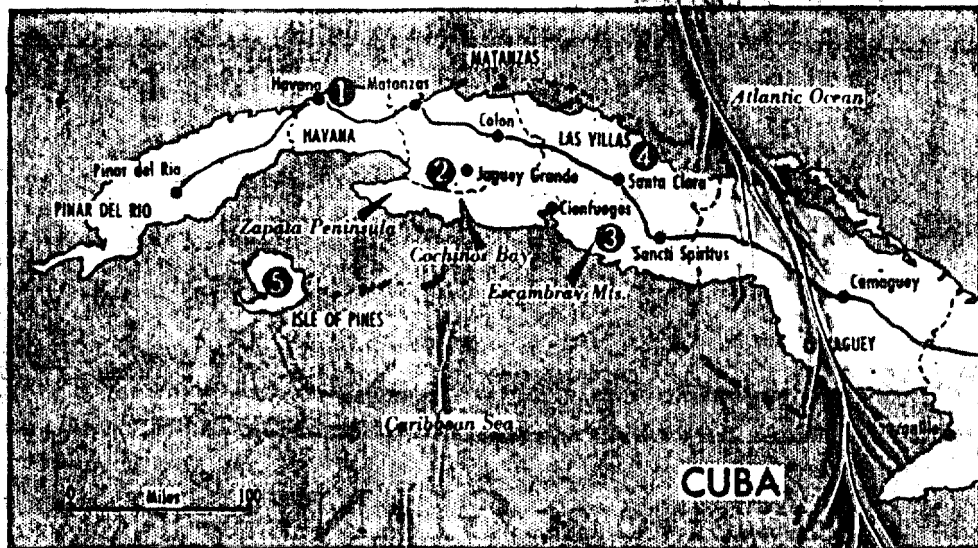
The Government did report

the "recapture" of Mayari, on the northern coast of Oriente Province, and a Communist newsmán reported fighting near Santa Clara, far from the invasion area, but these reports may concern bands of rebels not connected with last Monday's invasion.

Otherwise there was no further news of reported landings on the Pinar del Rio coast 30 miles west of Havana, or near the naval base at Cienfuegos in Las Villas Province.

Prensa Latina said the rebel raiders last night attacked Camp Libertad air base on the edge of Havana, scene of an air raid last Saturday. There was no report of damage or casualties.

The exile sources said the two B-26 bombers and a single-engine plane took off from the newly seized landing strip and raided Camp Libertad and another undisclosed target shortly after 8:30 p. m. They said the planes returned



Cuban reports say that Havana (1) was bombed last night. Exiles in New York reported that Soviet jets and tanks attacked rebels, presumably in the area of Jaguey Grande (2). Sources in Washington said the invaders were seeking to

reach the anti-Castro stronghold in the Escambray Mountains (3). A Communist newsmán reported meantime that a band had been wiped out near Santa Clara (4). Havana Radio denied reports that the Isle of Pines (5) had been bombed.

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